

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A composite material, which is preferably made of extrudable materials, comprising a first layer and at least one second layer, which are connected to one another and which are opaque, and further comprising at least one marking section, wherein the marking section is arranged between the layers and adapted to be read making use of X rays.~~

A multi-layer hose, comprising:
an opaque, extrudable first layer;
at least one opaque, extrudable second layer connected to the first layer; and
at least one marking section arranged between the first layer and the at least one second layer and adapted to be read making use of X rays.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein at least one of ~~said layers~~ the first layer and the at least one second layer is made of an elastomer.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 3, wherein the elastomer is a rubber.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 4, wherein the rubber is an ethylene acrylate rubber.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein the marking section is formed by an ink.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 6, wherein the ink contains an iodine compound.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 7, wherein the iodine compound is iopamidole.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 7, wherein the ink contains potassium iodide.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 6, wherein the ink contains potassium bromide.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 6, wherein the ink is applicable to the hose by means of a printer.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 11, wherein the printer is an ink-jet printer.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 4 11, wherein the printer is a tampon printer.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~composite material~~ multi-layer hose according to claim 1, wherein the marking sections are provided in longitudinally spaced relationship with one another in a recurring mode of arrangement.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for producing a composite material wherein the first opaque layer is produced, preferably by means of extrusion, wherein the marking sections, which are adapted to be read making use of X rays, are then applied, and wherein, subsequently, at least one second opaque layer is applied on top of said marking sections, preferably by means of extrusion.~~

A method for producing a multi-layer hose, comprising:
extruding an opaque first layer;
then applying marking sections on the first layer, wherein the marking
sections are adapted to be read making use of X rays; and
then extruding at least one opaque second layer on top of the marking
sections.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein an adhesion promoter is applied between said the first layer and said the at least one second layer.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the marking sections are applied by printing onto the first layer.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the marking sections extend in the longitudinal direction of the hose.